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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY** 

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Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of

Cancellation of Public Meetings for the Variable Refrigerant Flow Multi-Split Air

Conditioners and Heat Pumps Working Group to Negotiate a Notice of Proposed

Rulemaking for Test Procedures and Energy Conservation Standards

**AGENCY**: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of

Energy.

**ACTION**: Notice of cancellation of public meetings and webinars.

**SUMMARY**: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) hereby cancels

the remaining public meetings and webinars previously scheduled for the variable

refrigerant flow multi-split air conditioners and heat pumps (VRF multi-split systems)

working group. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that agencies

publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the Federal Register. The working

group has completed its work, and, therefore, no other meetings or webinars are

necessary. This document cancels the schedule of meetings announced in the Federal

Register on October 24, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 2018, the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) met and passed the recommendation to form a VRF multi-split systems working group to meet and discuss and, if possible, reach a consensus on proposed Federal test procedures and energy conservation standards for VRF multi-split systems. On April 11, 2018, DOE published a notice of intent to establish a working group for VRF multi-split systems to negotiate a notice of proposed rulemaking for test procedures and energy conservations standards. The notice also solicited nominations for membership to the working group. 83 FR 15514.

On August 22, 2019, DOE published a notice announcing public meetings for the VRF working group. 84 FR 43731. On October 24, 2019, DOE published another notice announcing new public meetings/webinars and modifying the dates for the previously scheduled public meetings/webinars for the VRF working group. 84 FR 56949.

On October 1, 2019, the VRF working group voted to approve a test procedure term sheet for VRF equipment. On November 5, 2019, the VRF working group voted to

approve an energy conservation standards term sheet for VRF equipment. The working group has concluded its work, and, therefore, no further public meetings are necessary. Accordingly, this notice cancels the remaining public meetings/webinars for the VRF multi-split systems working group announced in the *Federal Register* on October 24, 2019. 84 FR 56949.

## Public Participation:

## Docket

The docket is available for review at:

https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2018-BT-STD-0003, including Federal

Register notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the 
http://www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publically available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

Signed in Washington, DC on November 18, 2019.

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